THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) In one incident in November, 2000, NSCNCIM) cadres snatched an amount of Rs. 44,78,031/- at gun point from Deputy Commissioner, Chandel out of DRDA funds.

(b) and (c) Law and Order situation in Manipur is a cause of concern. An action plan has been prepared to deal with militancy situation and improvement of administration in Manipur. Central Government has formulated a special scheme for modernisation of police forces in North-Eastern States. Under the Scheme, vehicles, communication equipments, arms and ammunition and other security related items are provided in kind. Under the scheme of reimbursement of 'Security Related Expenditure', expenditure incurred by State Government on security is reimbursed by the Central Government. Other steps taken by Government, *inter alia* includes deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces, declaration major militant organisations as "Unlawful Association" and declaration of most seriously affected areas as "Disturbed Areas".

Arrest of ISI agents

372. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suspected ISI agents and their local contacts arrested during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that U.P., Delhi, Maharashtra and Bihar have become convenient haven for ISI activities; and

(c) how Central Government is helping these States/Union Territories to flush out suspected ISI agents and nab their local contacts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Government is aware that ISI of Pakistan is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country. Activities of Pak ISI have been noticed in various parts of

the country including U.P., Delhi, Maharashtra and Bihar. However, information with reference to arrest of suspected ISI agents and their local contacts is not maintained by the Central Government.

(c) In order to deal with the situation, Government have adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing'plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence based operations and modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. Central Government also reimburses the security related expenditure to the State Governments. As a result of coordinated action, a number of Pakistan backed modules Jiave been neutralized.

Smuggling of lethal cellphone mini pistols

373. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a consignment of lethal cellphone mini pistols are suspected to have been smuggled into the country;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether any investigation has been made by Government to know involvement of any indigenous manufactures in the production of such lethal cellphones;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government in the matter?